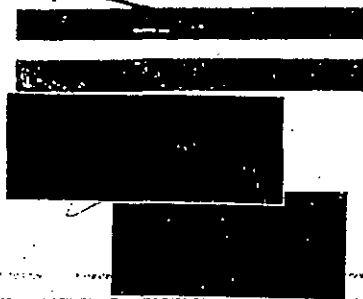


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**Persistent Political Unrest**

*Student agitation and prospects for a national strike on 2-3 July are keeping the government off balance*

[REDACTED] the university student strike that began on 16 June has produced violent daily clashes with the security services, several hundred arrests, and considerable property damage. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the arrest and reported torture of seven student leaders last Friday has strengthened the hand of radical leaders and may cause greater violence over the next few days. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile [REDACTED] the Communists are working hard to build support for the national strike called by the broadly based Civic Assembly opposition group. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** The government's harsh actions against the students and its determination to crush the general strike, combined with Pinochet's obdurate stance on political liberalization, probably are causing concern among a growing number of military officers. The longer student agitation goes unchecked, the greater are chances for a successful national strike. A strike, particularly a violent one, might convince a majority of senior officers that Pinochet's policies are creating an irreversible polarization within the country. [REDACTED]

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